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March 21, 1960

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P.O.Box 456  
Encino, California

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Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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• STATE 4-5005

March 28, 1960

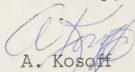
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Bros. Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Av.  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Glad to have your letter of the 21st and, as you know, I will cooperate in any way possible, at any time. I will give you the photographs of the Hydeman Dollar and I will try to give you whatever information you want on the edge lettering. You might give me a few points that you want answered and I will do whatever checking is required. However, it will be a breach of promise on my part if I send the coin out to you -- I know you would not want me to do that. Do not hesitate, however, to put me to work and whatever time is required I will give.

Even if I had not made a promise in this matter, I would not be able to get it out to you. At this moment there is a deal in the fire and it may break at any moment -- I have been working on it for months and it seems to be coming to a head. Of course, delays in matters of this kind are sometime exasperating and another delay might be before me but I must hold everything ready --- I am sure you understand my position on both points. Kindest regards.

Cordially,

  
A. Kosoff  
AK:cl



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March 30, 1960

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O. Box 456  
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Dear Abe:

Photographs of the Hydemann 1804 dollar will be appreciated.

We would like to have the following questions answered so long as you cannot send the dollar for examination.

Give the exact edge lettering which is readable, indicating any letters which are crushed, repeated, etc.

Compare the edge lettering to a standard silver dollar of 1798-1803 and see whether there are any differences in the edge letters, in their spacing, or otherwise.

Determine the exact juxtaposition between the obverse and the reverse. In other words, let us know what part of the obverse is opposite the center point of the eagle's tail on the reverse. These coins do not upset exactly 180° and you can tell us what part of what letter on the obverse is opposite the center of the eagle's tail.

Please tell us the extent of the concavity as most of these dollars are buckled.

Please state whether the edge lettering is right side up if the obverse is on top or if the reverse is on top.

Since the answers to these questions can be promptly given, I will not ask you any further questions until I hear from you.

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1804 file

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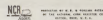
Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN

**RECIPIENT:**

Write your reply at bottom, mail back white sheet and keep the pink.



Eric Korman  
400 Washington Ave  
St Louis 2, Mo

FROM



**A. KOSOFF, INC.**  
**Numismatists**

P.O.B. 456 ENCINO, CALIF.  
Phone: STate 4-5005

**SUBJECT:**

164 Dollar - Yours 1  $\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{2}{1}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{1}{6}$

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### Message - Reply

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MESSAGE

2) Species exactly as 1798 and 1820. (checked)

3) Tail Center prouts between N and T ridge and immediately over T in

LIBERTY

4) Concavity slight -

5) Edge is read with reverse up.

DATE OF REPLY-

**SIGNED:**

REPLY TO:

## REPLY

Pictures enclosed.

**SIGNED:**

SENDER: MAIL RECIPIENT WHITE AND PINK SHEETS

RECIPIENT: WRITE REPLY. RETURN WHITE TO SENDER. KEEP THIS PINK COPY.



April 8, 1960

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O. Box 456  
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

I have some very disturbing news to write to you. I am very grateful for your picture of the S. Cohen specimen of the 1804 dollar and the data you sent me with respect to it.

On examination of these pictures I note that both sides of this coin have the border design extending radially to the outside diameter of the coin rather than having a beaded border with a flat rim on the outside diameter. I also note that the star to the right of the "I" on the obverse is not partially under the "I" as it is on the pictures of the mint and other specimens of the 1804 dollar. Likewise, the top of the "1" in the date is in line with the bottom of the curl while on the other 1804 pictures I have it should be somewhat above that bottom line.

If you will examine Solender variety 19, of 1800, as to the obverse and the reverse, I believe you will find that the pictures you sent me match it in all respects with the exception of the last figure of the date.

I am not able to tell whether the die break after the last "I" in "AMERICA" exists or existed on your photographs.

If you will examine the coin with these thoughts in mind I think it will be beneficial. What happened to you with respect to the 1943 copper cent is something which was most unfortunate and, for that reason, I am giving you the above thoughts so that you may have an opportunity to review the situation.

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April 11, 1960

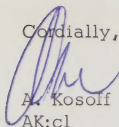
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
400 Washington Av.  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I have your letter of the 8th. Now I'm wondering whether I sent the right photographs or not. I took them out of a file in which I have assorted the various different denominations and I was certain because of the little numbers that these were the items you wanted.

Of course, the coin itself is the Idler Piece out of the Will W. Neil Sale (lot 31) and has been photographed and illustrated so many times that I'm not as disturbed as I otherwise might have been -- however, I'll get down to the vault in a day or two and check more thoroughly. I wish there were a few more hours in the day but this is something I must get to soon. I'll write you further.

Cordially,

  
A. Kosoff  
AK:cl



**M E M B E R**

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April 13, 1960

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O.Box 456  
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

The pictures of the coin you sent me are, as you obviously realize, those of an alteration and I was afraid that there might have been a switch of coins somewhere in the past. I am somewhat relieved that you took these pictures out of your file and that they are not necessarily the Idler which is in your vault.

I would very much like to have a photograph of the Idler coin itself. Won't you do me that favor as I am sure you are going to take a picture of it.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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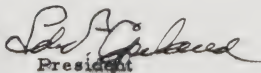
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Montgomery has forwarded me your letter of May 12th regarding the 1804 dollar which belonged to my late Uncle, Lammot du Pont. I have never seen the dollar, but I believe it is in the possession of his son, Mr. Willis du Pont, whose address is: 3001 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington 6, Dela.

You can address Mr. du Pont at the above address but you may experience some delay in receiving an answer as I have a feeling that he is in Europe. However, I may be wrong.

Sincerely,

  
President

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EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc

June 6, 1960



Mr. Willis du Pont  
3001 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Wilmington 6, Delaware

Dear Mr. du Pont:

I inquired from the Winterthur Corporation as to which member of your family now has the 1804 United States Dollar which was in the collection of Lamot du Pont. Mr. Lamot Copeland was kind enough to advise me that he believed the coin was in your possession.

I am interested in obtaining a photograph of this coin and also of finding out certain detail as to the lettering on its edge. This is in connection with a book I and several others are writing concerning the history of the 1804 dollars. Your father acquired this coin about 1922 from the James Ten Eyck collection.

My hobby happens to be research and writing on early American currency and coinage and I would be very appreciative for your cooperation in connection with this rare coin which you have.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience and will be grateful for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Mr. Kenneth Bressett



A. KOSOFF *Numismatist*

P. O. BOX 456 • ENCINO, CALIFORNIA

• STATE 4-5005

December 30, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I promised this to you a long time ago and it's been a long time coming!

The enclosed photographs were supplied to me only now -- they are from the Dupont coins and make whatever use of them you see fit.

I hope you and yours will have a very Healthy and Happy 1961.

Cordially,

  
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# EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES 400 WASHINGTON AVE. ST. LOUIS, MO

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

AND SECRETARY

January 4, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Bressett  
Whitman Publishing Co.  
1220 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

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Ken Bressett  
Numismatic Editor  
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam  
AIR MAIL

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AIR MAIL



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I would also very much like to have another set of the pictures or perhaps the original picture, even on loan, temporarily, as the pictures you sent me seem to be pictures of pictures and one of them even has a hair which became part of the photograph. I am not complaining but since these are for publication I would like them to be as complimentary as possible. Please let me have your usual cooperation.

A Very Happy New Year to you and your family,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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*Memo From —*

**A. KOSOFF**

P.O. Box 456 — Encino, California

January 9, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
400 Washington Av.  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I have your letter of January 6th -- wish I could oblige. It's very difficult to get these as the coins are stored away.

I'll try but cannot promise positive results.

Happy New Year!

Cordially,



A. Kosoff

AK:cl



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3521 Vista St.  
Long Beach 3, Calif.  
February 1, 1961

Mr. Kenneth E. Bressett  
1220 Monnd Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Bressett:

Replying to your letter of January 26th, I contacted A. Koseff, who supplied us with the picture or cut used for the 1804 dollar in Calcoin News. He stated that he will send you a cut or picture. From the conversation, he tells me that this was an old Max Mehl item, which he acquired with other Max Mehl material.

You should hear from him shortly. If not you can contact him directly.

Volume III and IV of the reprints arrived yesterday, and I have made a preliminary trip through them. They look good and Whitman has done a fine job in putting the material together. The book on ancient coins is a gem, and I believe the one I like best of all four. I hope they will all sell well and go through several printings.

Sincerely,

*Charles M. Johnson*  
Charles M. Johnson



**A. KOSOFF** *Numismatist*

P. O. BOX 456 • LINCINO, CALIFORNIA

• TEL: 4-500

February 20, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Bressett  
Whitman Publishing Co.  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

I understand you want a cut of the 1804 Dollar.

If you don't need it right away, may I suggest waiting for the one which is in the catalogue and which will be returned to me about the 15th of March --- after the special edition has been run. If you need it sooner, I may have a duplicate cut altho' I don't think I have any that are as nice as the one in the catalogue.

Please advise.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff  
AK:cl



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February 24, 1961

Mr. Abe Kosoff  
P. O. Box 456  
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Many thanks for your recent letter and for your kind offer to send the cut of the 1804 silver dollar.

I most certainly would be happy to have this as soon as you are finished with it. There is no need to rush about this, however, since our proposed book on the subject is still a long way from completion.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Ken Bressett  
Numismatic Editor

KEB:jam



**M. H. BOLENDER**

NUMISMATIST

**DEALER IN RARE COINS AND PAPER MONEY  
IN MY 20th NUMISMATIC YEAR**



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July 12, 1961

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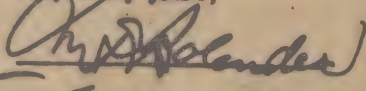
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Now I have had time to re-study the coins based on your findings, as reported to me in your kind letter of July 6. Checking the other stars that were not "moved" with their relative positions with the denticles, clinched your findings, and I agree with you. The "moved stars" and other clever and excellent tool work were too much for me, and I admit my short-comings, and fault. The reports from the New York testing laboratories, the microscope examinations, and the metallographic examinations that I accepted also threw me off guard, as to the altered dates, etc. But from the beginning I was entirely suspicious of both coins and thought they must be false. When I finally could find nothing wrong with them, and the obverse dies did not compare in appearance with the others known, because of star positions, I was at an end. Now I am glad indeed that you came along, to the rescue. You are a wonderful numismatist, whom I have known a long time, reading some of your learned articles on coins. More than that, you are a gentleman, and your letters indicate that too. I am sincerely sorry for where I failed. I have been wrong sometimes before in my life. But life is much, much too short to worry about that, in any circumstance. All of us have a very short time remaining on this earth, when we think of the world's future years ahead, and we must all strive for what is right, and just, and fair, and for upright living.

I plan to attend the Atlanta convention, and will be hopeful of meeting you there for a visit. And most of all, I want to hear your paper, at the educational meeting, and especially what you have gathered on the subject of the 1804 dollars that are known. I have written also to the Osthelmers to-day, of my agreement with your findings, as well as to Mr. Werner.

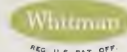
My sincere good wishes to you, and MANY THANKS for your help indeed.

Very truly yours,



M. H. Bolender.

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October 27, 1961

Dear Eric:

I have examined the photograph of the 1804 50¢ in the Winslow-Lewis Sale. It is undoubtedly the same coin that you now own.

In the H. G. Brown Collection catalog by Lyman H. Low, October 11, 1904, he tells about the 4 on the 1804 dollar being unlike the 1 in the date because it does not have the proper base. His opinion was that this indicated two persons had worked on the dies. He pointed to this feature as being one of the points for recognizing a genuine 1804 dollar. Of course he did not realize the significance of what he was looking at. He, however, is the first person to note this difference.

If you have not already seen the ANS monograph No. 95 SILVER DOLLARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by Arthur D. McIlvaine, you should see it. Nothing important in here but he does say many things that indicate what the total amount of knowledge was concerning these coins in 1941.

Also be sure to read Walter Breen's article in the Coin Collectors Journal, March-April, 1951, covering his research in the Archives pertaining to the 1804 dollars. Much of his information was first published here.

The pictures of the DuPont specimen turned out fairly well. I am enclosing them with this letter as well as your original photo and your negatives of the 1804 half dollar. Prints of the half dollar are not very good, but the best that could be obtained by contact printing. I do not have prints of the film that we showed. Will send these to you as soon as they are finished. <sup>shot</sup>

This completes all of the bits of information that I promised to pick out for you. I will now start in earnest on the various chapters that were assigned to me.

sever,

Ken Bressett  
Numismatic Editor  
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November 14, 1961

Mr. Abe Koeoff  
P. O. Box 456  
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

I just read your article "Money Talks" in the latest edition of your SWIN BULLETIN.

I was amazed to see your statement that F. E. G. Boyd once owned a specimen of the 1864 Dollar. I have tried seriously to keep detailed records of every sale of every known specimen of the 1864 Dollars, but have found no mention of Boyd ever owning a piece.

Would you be kind enough to supply me with the details of which specimen he owned, when and to whom it was sold. I will be very much indebted to you for helping me make my records as accurate as possible.

Sincerely,

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November 29, 1961

Mr. Kenneth E. Bressett  
1220 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

Regarding your letter of November 14th in which you refer to my statement in the Coin Bulletin that Fred Boyd once owned a specimen of the 1804 Dollar, be assured that if I say so, it is so, and I did sell it for him --- so that's that.

As far as the information which you seek is concerned, Fred never was 100% certain but it was his opinion that this specimen came from a Lyman, H. Lowe. I know where it went to and the party's name is Percy A. Smith, whose collection was subsequently acquired by B. Max Mehl. If there is anything further I can give you on it, I will be glad to.

Incidentally, I have just received a very interesting letter from a collector who once owned an 1804 Dollar and he tells me of having been approached with an 1804 and an 1805 Dollar. Of course, the information that he gives me is rather skimpy and I would not want to swear to the fact that those coins were genuine. In any event I thought I would pass it along to you. He mentioned several other names in the letter but asks me for the moment to keep it confidential --- I don't know that it's important one way or the other.

I do plan to make comments about Eric Newman's blast at the 1804 Dollar particularly and even to be somewhat critical of his remarks concerning the 1805.

My personal feeling was that when the news broke about the 1805 Dollar, nothing was proved. I did not think that a case had been made out which would establish beyond any doubt that this coin was authentic but I must say I don't believe that Eric has proved otherwise. In short, I believe the situation calls for a lot more study before anything conclusive can be arrived at. I'll go into that in greater detail at a later date.

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December 5, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

✓ I see nothing wrong with your suggested title "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar". I have, however, already publicized the book somewhat under the title "The Fantastic History of the 1804 Dollar". Either one will be all right with me.

I gave the book an additional plug in our trade paper, The Coin Supply Merchandiser. It just occurred to me that perhaps you have never seen this and, therefore, I am adding your name to our mailing list and enclosing several copies for you. You may be surprised and, I hope, pleased to find your picture in this issue.

I am also enclosing the chapters concerning the pedigree history and my pedigree listing of the coins.

Abe Kosoff's letter did not give important help. I have written again to try and get more specific details. I want to include Boyd and Percy Smith if this information is correct. He is so confused that it might be better to simply leave out any reference to the private sales. I can't wait to see what Abe plans to write about the 1804 and 05 dollars. It should be good!

✓ I will leave it up to you to decide whether we should use "Type III" or "Class III". Whichever it is, the entire manuscript should be uniform.

✓ In your chapter "The Battle Begins", page N3, second paragraph, you could add "His father-in-law" before "William Idler". On page N7 you should show that Watters is referred to as Walters in the original article.

*then  
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know*  
I have made a discovery which may be of use to you somewhere in the book. The coin used to illustrate the Eckfeldt-DuBois 1842 book is positively the Stickney specimen and not the mint specimen.

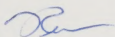
I have no objection to the way that you have rewritten the introduction and preface. It looks fine to me. Your latest chapter also is excellent.

We certainly should send galley proofs to Walter and Lynn. You may also send them to Williamson and Ford if you wish. I do not rely too much on John Ford's word, however, and can't see where he will benefit us in the list.

The drawing of the casting machine will be suitable for use in the book. As soon as the manuscript is complete, we can have another meeting if you wish, to be sure that everything is in perfect order. I have no objection to visiting you in St. Louis at your convenience excepting, of course, over the holidays.

I have photographed Mr. Marvin's shooting thaler and will return it to him with our thanks.

'sever,



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